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Re: Final Draft of Eligibility Criteria (Version 2.0) for Residential Ventilation Fans

Fantech appreciates the opportunity to comment on these latest changes to the Energy Star Eligibility Criteria for Residential Ventilation Fans. As a manufacturer of inline fans, we are excited to now have an opportunity to include our products among those bearing the Energy Star and look forward to participating in the program.

After a careful review of the latest draft we are in agreement with a majority of the new criteria. We would however, like to express our continued objection to the reduction of warranty period. All three of the published comments on the last draft were in favor of longer warranty periods. Obviously since Energy Star has chosen to retain this change there must be strong and convincing arguments in favor of the shorter warranty, but it is disappointing that none of the organizations lobbying for this change were willing to have their comments made public.

With the above objection aside, we feel that Version 2.0 is a substantial improvement over the existing criteria and look forward to its introduction this fall.

Sincerely,
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